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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Response to Election/Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Action mailed August 19, 2004, subjecting claims 1-160 to a restriction and election requirement. Applicant hereby selects **Group I** for examination, drawn to an apparatus for detecting an analyte, on which claims 1-107 read. Further, prior to examination, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following preliminary amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.